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Dear Governor,

It has been an honor to serve as chair of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP). I would like to acknowledge the work of the members of the Partnership and its diverse work groups. Their commitment to address the pervasive issue of substance abuse across Arizona has made this work possible. I am proud to present the outcomes and activities of ASAP along with a summary of future projects.

During this last year, ASAP heard from issue-area experts on topics related to the opioid epidemic, drug interdiction, recidivism reduction, substance abuse prevention, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). This information has helped inform our understanding and development of initiatives designed to positively impact outcomes in our state.

It is my hope that our efforts and collaborative partnerships concerning substance abuse will improve and better serve our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Montgomery".

Bill Montgomery
Chair

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Arizona
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COMMISSION OVERVIEW

The Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) is authorized under Executive Order 2013-05 (which amends and supersedes Executive Order 2007-12) to collaboratively address substance abuse-related issues in Arizona. ASAP serves as the single statewide council on substance abuse prevention, enforcement, treatment, and recovery efforts.

ASAP initiates and supports improvements in substance abuse policy, develops dynamic partnerships, participates in informed planning processes, and assists with coordinating efforts supported by program evaluations, and has the following duties and responsibilities:

Compile and summarize information and data on substance misuse and abuse and associated consequences and correlates, including mental illness and emerging trends, through a collaborative and cooperative data-sharing process. Identify and address data gaps in order to provide Arizona with a comprehensive picture of substance misuse and abuse.

Utilize evaluation and research reports to promote the most effective and evidence-based programs, policies and practices across the state and make recommendations for modification as needed.

Encourage state and local partnerships to engage in shared planning processes and build the capacity of local communities to meet identified needs and maximize resources.

Identify and share effective practices to integrate strategies across systems that will leverage existing funding and increase access to services at the community level.

Analyze current state and federal laws and programs governing substance misuse and abuse prevention, treatment, and enforcement and recommend any changes that would enhance the effectiveness of these laws or programs.

Recommend specific drug and alcohol related policy and budget line-items for consideration by Arizona state agencies and/or the Arizona Legislature.

Membership

ASAP consists of members appointed by the Governor. The membership has training, experience and special knowledge concerning preventing substance abuse, intervening with and/or treating individuals with substance abuse issues and/or with assisting individuals in their recovery process. Staffed by the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF), ASAP includes representation from local, state and federal criminal justice and child welfare agencies, health departments, community prevention coalitions, public safety, and behavioral health prevention and treatment providers.

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Arizona Department of Public
Safety

Activities and Outcomes

As part of its work, ASAP provides strategic oversight and direction to its Arizona Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group), the Arizona Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Core Group (RX Core Group), The Arizona Substance Abuse Program Inventory Work Group, and the Arizona Substance Abuse Recidivism Reduction Work Group.

This year, in addition to hearing about the outcomes and accomplishments of these bodies, ASAP received updates and expert testimony on the Arizona Drug Threat Assessment, the Border Strike Force, the Opioid Breakthrough Project, Adverse Childhood Experiences, the Family First Program, Recidivism Reduction Breakthrough Project, the Youth Prevention Sub-Team, trends and data on e-cigarettes and vaping among Arizona youth, and the Arizona Opioid Assistance and Referral (OAR) line. Each of these presentations align with and impact the substance abuse continuum of prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery. Each of the presentations provided key updates on statewide substance abuse activities, policy improvements, and highlighted areas for future collaboration.

Current Subcommittees and Work Groups

ASAP oversees four diverse work groups that are comprised of Arizona state agency staff, issue-area experts, and community stake-holders. GOYFF staff administers each work group in partnership with the Co-Chairs of each body. The work groups are as follows:

ARIZONA SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP

Provides communities, policymakers and local, state and tribal officials with data on the use, consequences and context of alcohol and drugs to inform their substance abuse prevention and intervention strategies.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE INITIATIVE CORE GROUP

Provides direction regarding the implementation of the Rx Drug Misuse and Abuse Initiative and its five associated strategies.

PROGRAM INVENTORY WORK GROUP

Updates and maintains the Arizona Substance Abuse Provider Locator and assess statewide substance abuse programming, including prevention, intervention (criminal justice), treatment and recovery.

ARIZONA RECIDIVISM REDUCTIONS WORK GROUP

Statewide steering committee in support of the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) administration of the Second Chance Act grant administered through the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (DOJ/BJA).



ARIZONA SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP

The mission of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) is to provide communities, policymakers and local, state and tribal officials with data on the use, consequences of substance of abuse to inform their prevention and intervention strategies. The Epidemiology Work Group has three primary goals, which are to:

- Compile and synthesize information and data on substance misuse and abuse and the associated consequences through a collaborative and cooperative data-sharing process.
- Serve as a resource to the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership and member agencies to support data-driven decision-making that makes the best use of the resources available to address substance abuse and related issues in Arizona.
- Identify data gaps and address them in order to provide Arizona with a comprehensive picture of substance misuse and abuse in the state.

Current Membership

Per the Epi Work Group Charter, the Chairperson of the Epi Work Group is selected by its membership, serves a two-year term, and appoints his or her Vice-Chairperson.

Membership includes representation from state agencies and organizations that hosts key data sets and/or have expertise in using a data-driven decision-making process. The current membership as of June 2018 is:

Catie Clark, Chairperson
Arizona Criminal Justice
Commission

Douglas Kramer,
Treatment Assessment
Screening Center, Inc.

Wendy Wolfersteig, Ph.D.,
Southwest Interdisciplinary
Research Center, ASU

Deborrah Jones, Co-Chairperson
Administrative Office of the Courts,
Juvenile Justice Division

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Faith and Family

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Containment System

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Department of Corrections

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Arizona Department of Child
Safety

Jamie Ritchey, Ph.D.
Inter Tribal Council, Tribal
Epidemiology Center

John Vivian, Ph.D., Arizona
Department of Juvenile
Corrections

Collaborative Partnership with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC)

In order to further the goals of ASAP and the Epi Work Group, the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family partnered with ACJC to provide research staff for the Epi Work Group. Beginning in January 2017, the Director of the ACJC Statistical Analysis Center (SAC), Catie Clark, was appointed to the Epi Work Group as the state epidemiologist and lead researcher. In this capacity, the Director of SAC is responsible for researching, compiling, and submitting timely data reports to the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership and its diverse subcommittees on behalf of the Epi Work Group.

Interagency Collaboration

One of the core roles of the Epi Work Group is to identify data gaps and address them in order to provide Arizona with a comprehensive picture of substance misuse and abuse in the state. To this end, the Epi Work Group has received updates from various partners around the state, including the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), the Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), and the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Consortium. The Epi Work Group works collaboratively with AHCCCS in the completion of the Arizona Statewide Prevention Needs Assessment required by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Specifically, the Epi Work Group is providing guidance to AHCCCS's third-party contractor, LeCroy and Milligan, on the methodology and is providing additional assistance on the formation of data sharing agreements to ensure the completion of the report in a timely manner.

Substance Abuse Prevention Programming Inventory

The Youth Prevention sub-group of the Governor's Goal Council on Happy & Healthy Citizens partnered with the Epi Work Group, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC), and the Arizona National Guard's Counter Drug Task Force to construct a survey of Arizona's schools on the availability of programming for students, as well as the dissemination, collection, and reporting of data produced. The Substance Abuse Prevention Programming Inventory (SAPPI) outlines both data collected from surveying school administrators, as well as recommendations for substance abuse prevention programs that might be used by schools that currently lack these types of programs. Key findings of the from the SAPPI:

1. 72% of surveyed schools reported that they did not currently have any form of substance abuse prevention programming available for students.
2. Schools were asked to identify top risk and protective factors they were targeting through their prevention programs. Results were compared with the risk and protective factors identified by the 2016 Arizona Youth Survey (AYS). This analysis concluded that schools are addressing risk and protective factors that are not being identified by Arizona youth as placing them at highest risk or are deterring risky behavior.
3. Schools were asked about mental health services provided to students. Results from the survey indicate that approximately 40% of Arizona students attend a primary or secondary educational institution that does not have access to mental health resources. It is also worth noting that several schools reported only having mental health resources available to students "part-time," "2.5 days a week," "once a week," or on an "as needed" basis.

The report also made recommendations to the Goal Council on Happy & Healthy Citizens. Recommendations from this report include:

1. Continuation and expansion of the use of evidence-based substance abuse prevention programs such as those recommended in the SAPPI.
2. Continuation and expansion of funding for school-based substance abuse prevention programs and after-school programs.
3. Continuation of back-to-school substance abuse programs such as the Healthy Families Healthy Youth program, in conjunction with ongoing evidence-based and evidence-informed prevention programs throughout the school year.
4. Further equipping schools with tools and timely data in the determination of needs and measurement of outcomes.

Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities

The *Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities* training is a one-day training provided free of charge to communities throughout Arizona. This training was designed by the Epi Work Group in collaboration with Arizona State University (ASU) Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) to teach preventionists, community leaders, coalitions, policymakers and other key stakeholders on how to utilize data and data websites including the Community Data Project/Portal (CDP). The purpose of the training is to guide a data-driven decision-making process, including how to use data in needs assessments, grant writing, prevention and intervention planning, program evaluations, and how to convey community needs to decision-makers. Funding for the training was provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Partnerships for Success, State Prevention Framework grant.

While trainings are free of charge to the community, local community groups/organizations are responsible for the recruitment of participants, providing a working lunch (if applicable), and securing a location with internet connection to allow participants to get a hands-on experience with the online data repositories.

Since October, 2018, 185 people have received instruction through this free community-based training. Moreover, the trainings have been well received by the participants, and substantial increases in knowledge were documented through post survey responses. Participants represented organizations from rural and urban areas. Trainings were hosted by; the Nexus Coalition for Drug Prevention, Pima County Health Department, HEAAL Coalition, Prescott Arizona Courts Association Conference, and Tempe Aurora Behavioral Health. A breakout of the training can be found in Table 1.

Table 1. *Using Data Curriculum Trainings 2017-2018*

Date	Location	Training Sponsor	Participants #
10/12/17	Phoenix	Conference presentation at Arizona Health Equity Conference	25

11/1/17	Maricopa County	Phoenix Indian Center	8
11/9/18	Washington D.C.	American Evaluation Conference	30
1/9/18	Navajo County	Nexus Coalition for Drug Prevention	13
1/25/18	Maricopa	SIRC - TOT	5
3/16/18	Pima	Pima County Health Dept.	46
4/23/18	Maricopa	HEAAL Coalition	17
4/26/18	Yavapai	Prescott Arizona Courts Association	15
5/18/18	Maricopa	Tempe Aurora Behavioral Health	10
6/18/18	Coconino	Page Public Health Services District	16
			185

To ensure the sustainability and accessibility of this curriculum, GOYFF, in partnership with ASU-SIRC, is developing web-based version of the training. The web-based training will consist of the three modules at 45-60 minutes in length. The web-based training will be available on the GOYFF, ACJC, and ASU-SIRC Evaluations websites for continuing education. The trainings will remain a free resource.

Next Steps

The Epi Work Group will continue to provide timely data reports and assistance to the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership. In June, the Epi Work Group received presentations from Maria Cristina Fuentes, Director of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, and Brad Snyder, Ph.D., ACEs Consortium, on trauma, ACE and connection to substance abuse. As a result of this presentation, and emphasis placed on trauma and ACEs from the current administration, the Epi Work Group is considering a statewide agency data analysis, including the AYS, on the correlation of substance abuse and trauma and ACE. The Epi Work Group is also considering a report based off the prevention needs assessment being conducted by AHCCCS that would set current benchmarks and targeted goals along with research-based recommendations for reaching those goals. Both reports would be submitted to ASAP for consideration and further action.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE CORE GROUP

The Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Core Group (Rx Core Group), was created as a way to combat the growing epidemic of prescription (Rx) drug misuse and abuse in Arizona. The Rx Core Group began after the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission hosted a Prescription Drug Expert Panel in February 2012. Experts from the medical, treatment, law enforcement, and community prevention sectors formulated a set of data-and-research-driven strategies to be implemented in an attempt to stem the growing tide of Rx drug misuse and abuse and the related negative consequences in Arizona. These strategies are adapted and evolved from those originally proposed by Office of Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). They include a multi-systemic approach to the Rx drug misuse and abuse epidemic in Arizona that provide a simultaneous top-down and bottom-up approach between state agencies and community-level efforts. The Toolkit and training resources are available online at RethinkRxAbuse.org.

The Rx Core Group meets monthly to discuss and provide direction regarding the implementation of the Rx Drug Misuse and Abuse Initiative and its five associated strategies. In addition to completing updates, providing training, and ensuring statewide distribution of community tools, the Rx Core Group also provides a unique platform for inter-agency collaboration. The Rx Core Group is always identifying community needs concerning prescription drug misuse and abuse. The Rx Core Group also collected information on the number of prescriptions that were disposed at a permanent drug drop off location from January, 2016 through February, 2018.

Current Membership

The Co-Chairs of the Rx Core Group are appointed by the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family. Membership includes representation from state agencies and organizations that hold key information and perspectives on prescription misuse and abuse, prevention, access to treatment, and criminal justice. The current membership as of, June 2018, is:

Jacqueline Kurth,
Co- Chairperson
Arizona Industrial Commission

Patricia Hibbeler
Phoenix Indian Center

Lauren Prole
Arizona Health Care Cost
Containment System

Tracy Cruickshank,
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Maricopa Public Health

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Heather Brown
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Office

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Arizona Criminal Justice
Commission

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University of Arizona Center for
Rural Health

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Taskforce

Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Toolkit

Each year, the RX Core Group conducts an intensive review and update of the Rx Toolkit to ensure materials are accurate, properly branded and contains the most up-to-date material available. This year, RX Core Group made all Rx Toolkit materials accessible online at RethinkRxBuse.org. Through this platform, constituents are able to learn about each strategy, download pertinent materials, tools and training for their community and request in-person technical assistance from GOYFF or the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). Technical assistance and in-person trainings are paid for by the Opioid State Targeted Response grant through the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Prescription for States grant administered by the Center for Disease Control. Community partners are being trained to access Rx Toolkit materials from the website rather than requesting a printed version.

In addition to the standard materials from the Rx Toolkit, online training resources were expanded to include trainings developed by the Arizona Board of Pharmacy. These trainings are designed to educate medical professionals on how to utilize the Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program (CSPMP); educational material on Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), and Naloxone; opioid PSAs developed by GOYFF in partnership with the ADHS, Cross Roads to Recovery, the Arizona Broadcasters Association, and Cox Communications; and short webinars designed to educate community partners on tips when utilizing the Rx Toolkit.

Opioid STR Grant

The State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant, administered by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for opioid use disorder. In 2017, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) was awarded the 2-year grant. The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family administers the prevention portion of this funding. Measureable prevention objectives to reduce Opioid Use Disorders and opioid-related deaths include: purchasing drug drop boxes for Northeastern and Western Arizona and host community take back events; conducting trainings and provide technical assistance for communities implementing the Rx Toolkit; implementing wellness initiative for Senior Education and Mental First Aid programs for Older Adults; implementing Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in Northern Arizona communities and on university campuses. The Opioid STR prevention funding funds many of the activities outlined in the Rx Toolkit along with technical assistance and training on the Rx toolkit itself.

Grant outcomes for prevention funding beginning of grant through April 30, 2018 directly linked to Rx Toolkit strategies:

1. 101 older adults completed the six-week wellness initiative for senior education program. This six-week program, includes information on both mental and physical health and Rx safety for older adults.
2. 4,164 university students were screened for substance use and abuse at University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University. This allowed for discussions on safe behaviors with these students as well as referrals to treatment or brief interventions as needed and dependent on level of risk.
3. Arizona State University is implementing screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment campus wide. ASU campus staff are being trained to screen students for substance use and motivational interviewing, and ability to provide referrals. In year one, 9 trainings to 187 staff were completed.
4. Since the launch of the updated Rx Toolkit and website in February 2018, GOYFF has conducted 5 Rx Toolkit trainings in Santa Cruz, Cochise, Maricopa, Yuma, and La Paz counties.
5. Health Choice Integrated Care (HCIC) screened 23,909 clients using the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) SBIRT tool.
6. ADHS has distributed 8,798 naloxone kits to local law enforcement agencies across Arizona.

Center for Disease Control: Prescription for States Grant

Prescription Drug Overdose: Prevention for States, administered through the Center for Disease Control, is a program that helps states combat the ongoing prescription drug overdose epidemic. The purpose of Prevention for States is to provide state health departments with resources and support needed to advance interventions for preventing prescription drug overdoses. In 2015, ADHS was awarded the 4-year grant, and is currently in year 3. ADHS has used the funding to train county health departments across the state on the implementation of the Arizona Rx Toolkit. In 2015, ADHS initiated contracts with six counties for Rx Toolkit implementation

(Gila, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Yavapai), and in 2018, this work was expanded to 3 additional counties (Cochise, Coconino, and Pinal).

Much of the work of the county health departments has focused on addressing strategies 1, 2, and 5 of the community Rx Toolkit, and includes activities such as:

1. Engaging with local healthcare providers to encourage the use of safe opioid prescribing practices, promote statewide resources such as the Arizona opioid prescribing guidelines, online CME courses, and utilization of the CSPMP.
2. Increasing public awareness of how to safely store and dispose of unused or unwanted medications.
3. Engaging with local healthcare providers to encourage the use of Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Training (SBIRT) model to identify patients at risk for opioid use disorder, and working within their local community to increase availability of treatment services.
4. Since the start of the grant, nearly 1,000 copies of the Rx Toolkit have been distributed across the state, as well as more than 2,000 copies of the 2014 Arizona Opioid Prescribing Guidelines. Moving forward into the final year of the CDC grant, ADHS will continue working with these 9 counties on the implementation of the Rx Toolkit to reduce death and injury caused by opioid misuse and abuse across the state.

Opioid Awareness PSAs (Private-Public Partnership)

In 2017, GOYFF partnered with ADHS, Cox Communications, Crossroads, and the Arizona Broadcaster Association to develop six 30-second, opioid-specific Public Service Announcements (PSA). The PSAs were developed to expand the resources and reach of Strategy 4 of the Rx Toolkit. Each of the PSAs directs viewers to RethinkRxAbuse.org to learn more about accessing treatment and proactive steps they can take to addressing prescription drug misuse and abuse. Funding for a year-long digital and traditional marketing campaign promoting these six PSAs was provided through a collaborative private-public partnership with Crossroads. To date, the campaign has driven 26,765 visits to the website through 5,513,250 digital impressions and has been aired 9,898 times on traditional TV and radio statewide. As part of Strategy 4 of the Rx Toolkit, the PSAs are available for community partners to view or download online at: <http://substanceabuse.az.gov/substance-abuse/strategy-4>. Because continuous marketing campaigns are critical to ensure public awareness, de-stigmatization and increased connection with local resources, the campaign will continue to run through December 2018.

Prescription Drug Drop Off Site/Take-Back Event Data Collection

The prescription drug drop box data collection project was designed to measure the amount of prescription drugs recovered from permanent drug drop boxes and organized take-back events during periods from January 2016 through January 2017. Police, sheriff, and fire departments as well as (limited) health service entities were contacted to determine the number of prescription drug drop boxes installed, hours of operation, location of box within facility, and means of contact. They were then asked to provide the actual or estimated weight of drugs collected from the boxes and take-back events.¹ The project served two purposes: (1) The Rx Core Group gained a better understanding of how many pounds of prescription drugs are being collected

¹ Walgreens pharmacy locations were not included in this study.

across the state; and (2) The outreach helped identify new sites and eliminate locations that were no longer utilizing permanent drug drop-off locations.

From of January 2016 to February 2017, the study found agencies have collected more than 17 tons of prescription drugs (35,124 lbs. total). During that same period, 57 law enforcement precincts hosted 61 take-back events.

Next Steps

The Rx Core Group will continue to update and train community coalitions and public health entities on the Rx Toolkit and identify future collaborative partnerships. In addition, the Rx Core Group is considering targeted initiatives that better equip the faith and business community on substance abuse and trauma.



PROGRAM INVENTORY WORK GROUP

The Program Inventory Work Group is tasked with assessing substance abuse programming, including prevention, intervention (criminal justice), treatment and recovery across Arizona. The goals of the committee are as follows:

1. Identify evidence-based and promising practices in substance abuse programming administered by Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership member agencies
2. Identify gaps in programming
3. Provide recommendations regarding current and future programming needs for the state of Arizona
4. Maintain and promote Arizona's Substance Abuse Provider Locator – <https://SubstanceAbuse.AZ.gov>

Current Membership

The Co-Chairs of the Program Inventory Work Group are appointed by the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family. Membership includes representation from state agencies and organizations that hold key information and perspectives on substance abuse programming including prevention, intervention (criminal justice), treatment, and recovery. The current membership as of, June 2018, is:

Jim Kreitler,
Co-Chairperson
Calvary Healing Center

Alexandra O'Hannon,
Co-Chairperson
Governor's Office of Youth,
Faith and Family

Daniel Brooks
Banner Poison and Drug
Information Center

Samuel Burba
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Cheryl Culyer
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Jane Dowling
Wellington Group Consulting

Jose Ramirez
Cenpatico Integrated Care

Jim Riggs
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Thomas Salow
Arizona Department of Health
Services

John Vivian
Arizona Department of
Juvenile Corrections

Sean Walsh
Meadows Behavioral Health

Arizona Substance Abuse Provider Locator

In 2015, GOYFF in partnership with Wellington Group Consulting, under the guidance of the Program Inventory Work Group, designed and launched a publically accessible provider locator for substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery resources for the state of Arizona. The Locator was developed out of a statewide inventory and gap analysis on substance abuse providers conducted in 2015 and updated in 2016. The public-facing Locator provides instant access to available services across the state and important information on how to locate appropriate services. The Program Inventory Work Group is also able to run reports and compare provider information and gaps in services with other state agencies. This work helps ensure Arizona constituents receive the most up-to-date information available.

In collaboration with ADHS, the Poison Control Statewide Call Center will be using the Locator as their primary referral source for the Arizona Opioid Assistance and Referral Line (OAR Line). GOYFF is currently working to ensure timely updates to the Locator are made to support the public use of the OAR Line. This is not the first time the Locator has been used in this manner. In 2017, the Locator was utilized by the Arizona Broadcasters Association and Cronkite School of Journalism in their call-center associated with Hooked RX: From Prescription to Addiction. During the airing of the investigative report the locator received more than 2,000 searches connecting individuals across Arizona with community resources

Next Steps

Moving forward the Program Inventory Work Group will monitoring Arizona providers and updating the statewide Locator. The Work Group will also complete the following core processes:

- Develop a provider review process with AHCCCS and the RBHAS to ensure that efforts to validate data are not duplicative.
- Receive timely reports from the poison control call center on information they find to be inaccurate when trying to refer community members for substance abuse treatment.



ARIZONA RECIDIVISM REDUCTION WORK GROUP

In July 2016, the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership voted on a motion to create the Arizona Recidivism Reduction Work Group. The Work Group was tasked with acting as the statewide steering committee in support of the Arizona Department of Correction (ADC) administration of the Second Chance Act – Recidivism Reduction (SCA) grant.

Current Membership

The Chair of the Recidivism Reduction Work Group is appointed by the Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family. Membership includes representation from state agencies and organizations that hold key information and perspectives on substance abuse, criminal justice, and recidivism reduction. The current membership as of, June 2018, is:

Michael Mitchell

Chairperson
Maricopa County Attorney’s
Office

Larry LeVeque

Business Representative
Arizona Substance Abuse
Partnership

Kathy Water

Arizona Administrative Office
of the Courts

Samuel Burba

Governor’s Office of Youth,
Faith and Family

Charles Ryan

Arizona Department of
Corrections

Kelli York

Paradise Valley Counseling
and Consultation

Mark Hendershot

Treatment Assessment
Screening Center

Second Chance Act – Recidivism Reduction

In 2016, ADC was awarded the SCA grant administered through the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (DOJ/BJA). The SCA grant is designed to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by offender reentry and recidivism reduction.

The Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) is using the SCA funds to provide leadership and technical assistance to state, regional and local reentry coalitions to help build capacity and develop a comprehensive, cohesive approach to reentry programming that will promote

successful outcomes for transitioning offenders; implement extensive skill development training for institutional Correctional Officers (CO) III, institutional case managers, which emphasizes evidence-based correctional case management that addresses criminogenic needs of high-risk offenders.

Utilizing SCA funds, ADC conducted Motivational Interviewing (MI) training for 425 CO IIIs. ADC will complete an additional two trainings this year in Phoenix and Tucson. MI is a communication method, which is person-centered, that encourages inter-personal change. MI focuses on internal motivation to promote change rather than applying external pressure. By encouraging an offender to talk about the benefits of change, it is more likely the CO is facilitating an environment in which the offender will make that change.

ADC is currently working to expand on the MI training by developing an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with the University of Cincinnati for Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS).

Utilizing SCA funds, ADC in partnership with ASU Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy (CABHP) is engaging with coalitions and providing TA to improve interaction with individuals released from prison, increasing resources at the local level, and reducing barriers for offenders to successfully reintegrate into their community.

The coalitions working with ADC and ASU include the following:

1. Navajo County Coalition
2. Pima County Reentry Coalition
3. Pinal County
4. Maricopa County
5. Navajo Tribal Coalition
6. Yavapai Reentry Project
7. Cochise County Reentry Council
8. Navajo Tribal Behavioral Health Clinics Coalition: "Life is Sacred".
9. Coconino County Criminal Justice/Mental Health Coalition
10. East Valley Coalition
11. Gila River Tribal Coalition
12. Salt River Indian Community Reentry
13. Criminal Justice/Mental Health Statewide Coalition
14. Stepping Up Coalitions

Next Steps

The Recidivism Reduction Work Group will continue to engage with coalitions, serve as grant steering committee, and support ADC in the successful implementation of the SCA grant.

CONCLUSION

In State Fiscal Year 2019, ASAP will develop and implement a statewide strategic plan for the commission aligning with the Arizona Management System. The purpose of this alignment is to ensure ASAP is meeting its charter outlined in Executive Order 2013-05 by focusing on continuous improvement and strategic partnerships designed to improve productivity, quality and services provided to the state of Arizona.

The ASAP and its diverse subcommittees will continue to:

1. Develop recommendations that support the implementation of a statewide continuum of prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery services for the State of Arizona.
2. Develop and encourage implementation of statewide guidelines that promote the development, maintenance and improvement of evidence-based and evidence-informed prevention, treatment, education and law enforcement initiatives.
3. Encourage state and local partnerships to engage in shared planning processes and build the capacity of local communities to meet identified needs and maximize resources.
4. Identify and share effective practices to integrate strategies across systems that will leverage existing funding and increase access to services at the community level.
5. Review current state or federal laws and programs governing or addressing substance abuse prevention, treatment and enforcement and recommend any changes that would enhance the effectiveness of the laws or programs.
6. Recommend drug and alcohol related policy and budget line-items for consideration and implementation by Arizona state agencies and/or the Arizona Legislature.